



# THE MINER'S RIGHT

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Next Meeting:

Monday  
8 February  
Mareeba Leagues  
Club 12:30pm

## ***EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FIRE & RESCUE LEVY***

*Update provided by: Vicky Lake, NQMA Treasurer*

The battle continues in our campaign for fair and equitable levying under the amended scheme was introduced on the 1st January 2014.

We've again lost ground with the dismissal of Joanne Miller MP as the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services in December 2015.

Joanne Miller, as with Jack Dempsey before her recognised the inequity of the levy on mining leases and mining claims and had assured the NQMA that she would have the matter looked into. With the cabinet reshuffle and the appointment of Mr Bill Byrne MP, Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister of Corrective Services, we have had to make contact with another new minister to explain our plight.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2015, Claire had a discussion with Phil Horn who advised that a submission had been made to the Ministers office and would be addressed in due course.

It has taken myself several days, phoning various offices seeking an update on this issue. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of January, Brad Reguse, Policy Advisor to the Minister, rang to advise that Minister Byrne intends to meet with Philip Horn, Executive Manager, QFRS Revenue Command, for a brief on the concerns of the NQMA. At this time, we are unaware of when the meeting will take place but we will continue to follow through on this issue with the hope of having made progress by our next general meeting.

With local government rates notices due again in February, we understand that councils will still be accepting statutory declarations as previously lodged and new ones if applicable. If you are advised otherwise, please let us know.

In our November edition, we printed a story about Robert Logan Jack. The NQMA wishes to make a correction to the story presented. It was said that the Cairn for Robert Logan Jack was erected by the NQMA, this is incorrect. The Cairn was arranged and installed by the Palmer Historic Society, the NQMA attached the plaque to the foot of the Cairn with Felicity Jack and others present. We apologise to the Palmer Historical Society for the misrepresentation.

## Presidents Comment

In recent months there has been some discussion about Membership of NQMA and what are the requirements to become a NQMA Member and how this is decided. This is particularly relevant to Full Membership with voting rights and potential to influence direction, and to a lesser extent Associate Membership, where the Associate Members actions may impact on the character of NQMA.

NQMA (like all similar associations) must remain vigilant to ensure the associations overall objectives, direction and values are not undermined by new applicants entering the association with clear intent to cause disruption, or with different values that may impact existing Members.

During my term as president (since 1999) the association has had a very clear policy of welcoming all who are involved in the mining industry in north Queensland to apply for membership.

However, it must be made clear an application for membership does not automatically entitle Membership. The NQMA Membership acceptance has two stages:

(1) The Applicant must first fit the published eligibility for membership criteria, which for Full Membership is: *'Any person, partnership or company who: is actively involved in mining or prospecting (including metal detecting); holds or has an application for any mining tenure allowable under the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 or any Act that replaces it; has a tenement before the Land and Resources Tribunal; or has a direct professional interest in the mining industry'*.

This criteria was deliberately set to allow a very broad application base, then;

(2) Must be approved by current Management Committee. Note: this is the most important part and where current Members ensure the associations overall character, objectives, direction and values are not undermined by new applicants attempting to enter with the wrong intention, or to use the well respected, membership of the NQMA as a badge of legitimacy to justify nefarious activities and possibly alienate graziers and pastoralists and indeed other NQ miners that NQMA aspires to unite.

### Summary

NQMA aspires to be inclusive and to represent the interests of all miners in north Queensland. NQMA aspires to represent all north Queensland miners without fear or favor.

NQMA overall objective is to build a strong united mining industry in north Queensland with one clear 'voice'.

NQMA values are standard 'Australian values' of honesty, decency, respect, mate ship, fair go, good will to others, etc.

It should be noted that all applicants for Membership will be considered, but not all applicants will be accepted.

Regards  
Ralph

## Secretary's Report

By Fiona Abbey

Welcome to 2016! How quick does the time go between the November meeting and now coming up to the first NQMA meeting of 2016 on the 8<sup>th</sup> February. Santa has long been forgotten already.

This is shaping up to be another one for the Miners to push through the issues of 2015 and hopefully get some resolutions. Vicky has been biting at the bit to get in the new Emergency Ministers' ear on the EMFRL and her update is included in this edition.

The traditional North Queensland wet has only given us a glance so far – so here to getting some more much needed rain to fill up the creeks for a successful mining season. **Regional Director, Mr Luke Croton** will be at the February meeting to give us an update on the current matters and hopefully address our concerns raised at the previous meeting, in particular with the reduced services at the Mareeba District Office. See you there.

### *Native title round up* by Paul E. Crossland

NQMA Native Title Officer and representative for Native Title matters

#### Update on the Native Title Act Section 29 - Right To Negotiate

##### RTN Batch 3- the Djungan Peoples Areas.

The North Queensland Aboriginal Land Council has advised that the small scale miners who had commenced the Right To Negotiate process for their mining tenement applications in the Djungan Peoples Native Title Claim area have the option of discontinuing the RTN process. They may deed into the new Djungan Small Scale Mining and Exploration Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Djungan SSM ILUA). The new SSM ILUA satisfies the agreement requirement that is required to satisfy native title obligations before the granting of the mining tenement application. Miners in this RTN batch who wish to utilize the new SSM ILUA need to send a notice advising that they wish to discontinue the RTN process and deed into the new SSM ILUA. The notice needs to be sent to the NQLC and to the DNRM Field and Land Access unit.

##### North Queensland Aboriginal Land Council:

C/ The Principle Legal Officer  
Future Acts Mining and Exploration unit  
North Queensland Land Council  
PO Box 679N  
Cairns North, Qld 4870  
Phone: (07) 4042 7000

##### Department of Natural Resources and Mines:

Field and Land Access North Region  
Department of Natural Resources and Mines  
Level 9, Verde Tower, Flinders Street  
PO Box 1752  
Townsville Qld 4810  
Phone: 07 4447 9227

##### NQMA assistance to RTN applicants

Assistance is available to mining tenement applicants in the RTN process who are NQMA members. The type of assistance available is: advice on the process and assistance with interpreting the required documents, advice on "what to do next" with the process and establish a contact point between the applicant and the Native Title Party. The NQMA has a Standard Ancillary Agreement that is available to mining applicants. This purpose of this agreement is to save time and costs of drafting an agreement from scratch and it has been based on the new Small Scale Mining ILUAs.

## ***Native title round up continued...***

### **Update on the Small Scale Mining Indigenous Land Use Agreements (SSM ILUA)**

There are three Small Scale Mining Indigenous Land Use Agreements presently in place. The new Western Yalanji SSM ILUA was registered on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April 2014. The new Ewamian SSM ILUA was registered on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2014. The new Djungan Peoples Small Scale Mining and Exploration ILUA was registered by the National Native Title Tribunal on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2015 in the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements. The new Djungan SSM ILUA is now available for miners who qualify under the definition of a small scale miner to deed into to satisfy the native title obligations for their mining tenure applications. A copy of the ILUA may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines or on online at [www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/mining/land-access-environment/native-title/indigenous-land-use-agreements/state-iluas](http://www.business.qld.gov.au/industry/mining/land-access-environment/native-title/indigenous-land-use-agreements/state-iluas)

Mining applicants who wish to utilise the provisions of the new SSM ILUA should contact the Department of Natural Resources and Mines regarding deeding into the ILUA.

Miners who need to have land clearance inspections carried out in order to comply with their obligations regarding Aboriginal Cultural Heritage protection should send a copy of the inspection Notice as per Schedule 4 of the SSM ILUA to the relevant Native Title Party.

#### **For the Western Yalanji SSM ILUA:**

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## **Mareeba Heritage Centre Inc. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Birthday Party**

### **NQMA Gold Panning Championships**

*Write up provided by Michele Mobbs*

About 200 people attended the Mareeba Heritage Centre's birthday party on Saturday 28 November at the Mareeba Heritage Museum and Visitor Information Centre.

Lots of events were crammed into the 4 hour party, including the St Thomas's School Choir, Spanish and Albanian Dancing, Judging of the Best Dressed Heritage Costume and the Gold Panning event, run by NQMA.



Many thanks to members Graham Steine, Michele Mobbs, James Murray and his sons Joshua and Damian, who drove from Watsonville to help. James, wearing the hat, is showing a young lad how to pan, Damian can just be seen facing the camera, practising his skills and Joshua is the cool dude in the glasses, having a well-earned break! What great young men, thanks for helping.

Following the speeches and cutting the birthday cakes, people had 2 hours to try their hand at lots of games and competitions, including marbles, tobacco stringing, pin the tail on the donkey – adult and children sections! – and of course, gold panning.

Fifteen people, mostly children and female – tried their hand to find the gold specs, with only 5 specs lost between all of them. Our winner was Harley Cek, grandson of well know local, Millie Cek. He found his 4 specs in 3 minutes 2 seconds.

Prizes for all events were organised by the Heritage Centre. Harley won a Jungle Surfing Canopy tour for one adult and one child.



NQMA would like to thank the Mareeba Heritage Centre for inviting us to attend the event and congratulate them on a fun, well organised event. Bring on the 21<sup>st</sup> party!

**Mareeba Heritage Museum and Visitor Information Centre**

**Open 9am – 5pm seven days a week**



### Photo Competition

Don't forget our photo competition held each year in line with our Gold Panning Event. With only 6 months to go before the annual panning championships to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016, now is the time to get snap happy to ensure you have lots of great photos to choose from!

## AUSTRALASIAN INSTITUTE OF MINING AND METALLURGY 2016 CONGRESS

### Far North Queensland Branch

From Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> the FNQ branch of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy will be hosting the Institute's annual Congress at the Pacific Hotel in Cairns. This is a gathering of representatives from all of the Institutes branches, societies, and chapters around Australia and overseas. There are a few places available at Congress for locals to attend but it is not a technical meeting. It deals with governance and policy.

However, the FNQ branch is holding its annual all-day Technical Seminar on May 18<sup>th</sup>, also at the Pacific Hotel, at which mining and exploration companies in the far north talk about what they are doing, followed by the branch AGM, and the annual dinner at the Cairns Sheridan Hotel. The Minister for Resources and Energy will be attending.

On May 19<sup>th</sup> there will be day tours to Wolfram Camp and Mt Carbine. Attendance at these is available at a cost of around \$25 (yet to be finalised).

There will also be a harbor cruise hosted by the branch on the evening of Friday 20<sup>th</sup>.

This is an opportunity for those who provide services to the industry to advertise them and to meet mining and exploration people who might have plans to operate in the region. The branch is seeking sponsors to help in meeting the cost of the local events. They will be acknowledged during all the meetings and will be able to have a display at the venue.

Branch Chairman Rob Ryan plans to attend the Association's meeting on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and will be happy to talk to any interested people.

#### Contacts:

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Secretary: Graham Reveleigh, 07 4033 1805, [mining@cairns.net.au](mailto:mining@cairns.net.au)

Seminar Convenor: Brett Duck, 07 4033 0644, [brett.bmpl@bigpond.com](mailto:brett.bmpl@bigpond.com)

#### **Editors Notes:**

Welcome to our first edition of the Miner's Right for 2016, I'd like to acknowledge the all of our contributors this month. It was nice to see some much needed rain in November and December, here's hoping it'll be a wet February to fill up the dams and enable a healthy start to the 2016 production season. Please let Fiona know if you have anything you would like to contribute to the next Miner's Right. Cheers, Claire ☺

## The North Queensland Miners Association Inc. Executive Committee



Back row: Ken Wilson, Claire Mackney, Paul Crossland, Graham Steine, James Said and Amanda Blazely  
Front: Treasurer, Vicky Lake, Vice-President, Frank Markert, President, Ralph De Lacey and Secretary, Fiona Abbey

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BUSINESS NAME.....

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.....POSTCODE.....

CONTACT PERSON.....

Phone No during day:.....Fax No:.....

E-mail address if available.....

NUMBER and LOCATION of MINING TENEMENT/S held or ASSOCIATION WITH MINING  
INDUSTRY.....  
.....

I/We hereby agree to comply with the Rules and Regulations as prescribed in the Constitution of the North Queensland Miner's Association Inc.

☐ **Full Membership.** Enclosed herewith is Annual Membership Fee of \$100.00.

Eligibility for Membership: 'Any person, partnership or company who: is actively involved in mining or prospecting; holds or has an application for any mining tenure allowable under the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 or any Act that replaces it; has a tenement before the Land and Resources Tribunal; or has a direct professional interest in the mining industry.'

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SIGNED .....

DATE ...../...../.....

Please send Application Form to:

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